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In re Application of:

David L. Patton, et al

MATCHING IMAGE CHARACTERISTICS OF STAMPS AND PERSONAL IMAGES TO AESTHETICALLY FIT INTO A PERSONAL POSTAGE PRODUCT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-15.

Please add the following claims.

(New) A personal postal product comprising:

an personal image product having a top surface and a bottom surface, said top surface having personal image having a designated area where an official postal product may be placed, said designated area being modified based on image characteristic of said official postal product or personal image.

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17. (New) A personal postal product according to claim X wherein the image characteristic of the personal image is based on one or more of the following;

the composition

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